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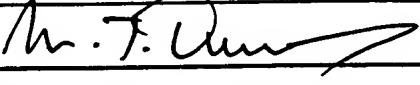
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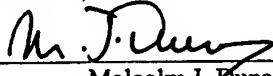
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on September 30, 2004. As such, this response is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.